



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
P.O. Box 1450
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450
www.uspto.gov

Paper No. 12

GERALD M. MURPHY, JR.
BIRCH STEWART KOLASCH & BIRCH LLP
P O BOX 747
FALLS CHURCH, VA 22040-0747

COPY MAILED

MAR 25 2004

OFFICE OF PETITIONS

In re Application of
ASANO et al
Application No. 09/856,717
Filed: February 19, 2002
Attorney Docket No. 0230-0162P

:
:
: NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL
: FROM ISSUE
:

The purpose of this communication is to inform you that the above-identified application, which has not received a patent number or an issue date, is being withdrawn from issue pursuant to 37 CFR 1.313.

The application is being withdrawn from issue to permit resolution of a 37 CFR 1.47(a) issue currently pending in the instant application. This withdrawal was requested by the Director of the Office of Petitions.

This application is being returned to the Office of PCT Legal Administration to await a reply to the decision on petition mailed March 16, 2004. Note that failure to timely reply will result in the abandonment of the application.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to Frances Hicks at (703) 305-8680.


Charles Pearson
Director of the Office of Petitions